

APPENDIX J

LETTER FROM STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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June 2, 2003

In reply refer to:
COE030430A

Michael S. Jewell
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U.S. Army Engineer District, Sacramento
Corps of Engineers
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Sacramento, CA 95814-2922

RE: Section 106 Consultation for the Proposed Sunset-Athens Connector, Placer County, California

Dear Mr. Jewell:

In your letter of April 28, 2003 you requested my comments on the Corps of Engineers (COE) undertaking cited above. Your request for my comments was made pursuant to applicable regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Thank you for initiating consultation with me.

The proposed project consists of grading and paving for construction of a westward extension of Sunset Boulevard, a connector road from Sunset Boulevard northward to Athens Avenue, and the widening of Athens Avenue and a portion of Industrial Avenue. I understand that the Area of Potential Effects (APE) is a 455' foot long segment that will become a bridge across an unnamed tributary to Pleasant Grove Creek and an area for a distance of 100' on either side of the drainage. The APE also includes four other intermittent stream crossings, for a distance of 50' on either side of each drainage.

In your efforts to identify historic properties within the APE you conducted a records search, literature review, field inventory, and consultation with interested Native Americans. You have submitted a copy of the report "Cultural Resources Assessment of the Sunset-Athens Connector, Placer County, California", prepared by ECORP Consulting, Inc. In addition, I was able to speak with Ms. Julia Green of ECORP Consulting, Inc. about the project details and specific survey coverage. No prehistoric resources were identified as a result of the investigation. One isolated well was identified within the APE and you have determined that it does not meet any criteria that would make it eligible for the National Register.

Based on all the information provided, I agree that the undertaking's APE has been adequately delineated; historic property identification efforts are satisfactory; and that efforts to involve interested parties, including Native Americans, are likewise satisfactory. I concur with your determination that the isolated well is not eligible for the National Register. I also concur with your finding of "no historic properties affected" regarding this undertaking.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jennifer Darcangelo, Staff Archaeologist, at (916) 654-4614 or jdarc@ohp.parks.ca.gov.

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Michael S. Jewell
June 2, 2003
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jewell".

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Cc: Mr. Dan Hall, BIA
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